



Milton Economic Development **Sustainability Subcommittee**
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 28, 2017
2nd Floor – Milton Public Library – 5:30 PM
Milton, DE 19968

1. Call Meeting to order: 5:40 PM
2. Roll call of members: Michela Coffaro, Lou Colon, Shannon Maner, Bob Howard, Frank Capparell, Anita Capparell; Guests: Adeline Hard, Ellen Lytton, Tony Fisher
3. Corrections/ Approval of Agenda: Approved
4. Approval of minutes of the 11/15/2016 meeting: Approved with one correction to the spelling of names
5. Guest Speaker: Michael D Parkowski Chief of business and governmental services at DSWA spoke to the committee about services provided by DSWA. Drop off sites were first provided in 1990 including about 180 locations. In 2011 the Universal Recycling Regulations increased participation in recycling in Delaware. These regulations also changed the dynamic of the drop off locations. More contamination was occurring up to 40% inside bins at the recycling locations. The DSWA decided to reduce the number of sites to 7 that will be open Monday through Saturday from 830-330 with staff to increase the quality of the recyclable material. The Southern Recycling Center in Georgetown will provide the most services including hazardous waste every Monday, electronics and Styrofoam 6 days a week, and paper shredding once a month. He told us plastic bags can go back to the grocery store and CFLs can go to the hardware store they cannot be combined with the single stream recycling. He gave the committee statistics on the amount of diverted materials. Last we talked about the health of Delaware landfills the estimated life of the land fill ranges from a conservative value of 106 years with two percent growth, to an extreme value of 60 years with eight percent growth. Trash is a leading economic indicator as the amount of trash increases the economy starts to grow and as it decreases the economy shrinks.
6. Announcements:
 - April 22 an Earth Day March for Science will be held at Lewes Beach to coincide with the related march in Washington
 - April 29 a march for climate change will be held in Washington the Sierra Club may be organizing transportation by bus from St Petersburg church in Lewes to the event
 - Date for next working retreat April 29, 2017 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

7. Old Business

- Lou will not be attending the Main Street Conference in Pittsburg a spot is open May 1 – May 3
- Lou will be presenting May 9 at 1 PM Woman's club meeting on sustainability
- Lou was asked to Chair the EDC Sustainability Sub-Committee may with the Economic Development Committee to meet once a month
- The EDC is focused on the Ambassador Program welcoming new businesses and age friend
- Committee discussed DNREC planning grant Lou will contact Beth Conaway for support, Bob is contacting former committee attendee with a lighting business to possibly evaluate Milton's lighting, Shannon will research consultants to aid with planning
- Need to meet with town manager to discuss planning grant
- Grant should focus on topics that can gain the most interest from the citizens

8. New Business

- Everyone was asked to read more about the grant to discuss at the working retreat on Saturday April 29
- We spoke about inviting the mayor to a meeting to discuss how the Sustainability Committee fits into the vision of the town
- Shannon told the committee about an electric vehicle and charging station grant the town could pursue
- Michela asked if the committee knew what the purpose of the oyster farming regulations

9. Next meeting: 4/25/17 5:30 PM

10. Adjournment: 7:00 PM